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ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on April 19, 2011 at the Travis L. Williams Family Services Center located at 4732 South Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85040. Chair Robert Donofrio called the regular meeting to order at 4:38 pm.

Council Members in Attendance: Robert Donofrio, At Large Member and Chair; James Washington, Business Member and Vice Chair; Riann Balch, Child Care Provider Member; Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, At Large Member; Dr. Patricia Merk, Educator Member; Dr. Ida Rose Florez, At Large Member; Jasmine Sanchez, Parent Member.

Members Not in Attendance: Mary Thomson, Philanthropy Member; Kristi Langley-Wells, School Administrator Member

Quorum: Established.

Staff in Attendance: Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director; Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant; Kelley Murphy, Senior Health Policy Specialist, and Tracey Craig, Senior Director Phoenix/Yavapai Region.

Chair Donofrio welcomed all guests in attendance and requested that they introduce themselves. Chair Donofrio thanked Member Balch for securing the Travis L. Williams Center for the regular meeting.

2. CONSENT AGENDA: Included in Council packets and prior to the meeting were the regular meeting minutes of March 15, 2011. Executive Session meeting minutes for March 15, 2011 were provided to Council Members only at the meeting.

Motion: Member Ida Rose Florez moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 15, 2011, second by Member Riann Balch, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

Motion: Member Riann Balch moved to approve the executive session meeting minutes of March 15, 2011, second by Vice Chair James Washington, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None

4. SOUTH PHOENIX PREVENTIVE HEALTH COLLABORATIVE: DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE: Provided in Council packets was a Health Collaborative Summary Sheet and sample surveys. Director Gonzales introduced Alyce Anne Meadows and Wanda Thompson from Maricopa County Department of Public Health who provided an update to the Council on the South Phoenix Preventive Health Collaborative with South Phoenix and Maryvale since in August 2010 when the contract was signed. Both ladies were thanked for their presentation by Chair Donofrio on behalf of the Council and commended for their collaboration efforts.

Chair Donofrio welcomed Senior Director Tracey Craig and thanked her for her support in attending all of the South Phoenix meetings.

5. DIRECTOR UPDATE: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION: **Data Reports:** Regional Director Gonzales went over the goal areas and strategies funded by the Council and the second quarter data summary reports done by the evaluation team. Chair Donofrio complimented the data provided and suggested that the target numbers be added to the top of the strategy in the white on the report. **Supporting Homeless Children Strategy:** Director Gonzales and Member Balch have been working on this strategy and will bring something back to the Council next month on an evidence based model already developed for children ages zero to five. Chair Donofrio thanked Member Balch for stepping up to help with this strategy. **Review and Discuss, New Coordination Strategy: Children of Incarcerated Parents:** A power point presentation was provided in Council packets for their review. Jonathon advised that he had the opportunity to see a presentation by Dr. Good hosted by the Governor's office on children of incarcerated parents in 85040 and 85041. According to Lieutenant Sean Connolly, 60% of the prison population comes from zip codes 85040 and 85041. Jonathon explained that there are services available for families, but the services are not coordinated. Some ideas were a family advocacy center that serves the two zip codes, and Officer Connolly feels that he can secure additional funding for this strategy. If the Council feels that this is something that they would like to pursue, help from a Council Member will be needed. Member Riann Balch expressed interest in helping once the Oral Health Strategy is launched. The consensus of the Council was to have Jonathon move forward with the new Coordination Strategy. The Council discussed possibly fleshing this out during the Council Retreat. Dr. Merk indicated that she would like to work on this study group. **Needs & Assets:** Provided in Council packets were a 2012 Needs and Assets summary that include the phases and break down for the Council to review on needs and assets. Jonathon advised that he is currently working with North Phoenix, Northeast Maricopa, and Central Phoenix to help in the selection process for a needs and assets vendor. Dr. Florez and Dr. Shivers have been assigned to the workgroup. **Review and Discussion of Outreach Report:** A brief report was provided in the form of a video for Rana's Outreach Report and in hard copy in packets.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES: **Evaluation Update:** Dr. Florez provided a handout to the Council for their review. Dr. Shivers and Dr. Florez provided the Council an update on evaluation. Chair Donofrio thanked both Council Members for stepping up to help with the evaluation piece. There were three (3) areas where the Council thought that more evaluation data was needed: 1. under utilization of key strategies. 2. Impact of Family Resource Centers and 3. The combined impact of the home visiting strategies. Dr. Shivers expressed that she would like the Council's input on how to best utilize the two hundred thousand dollars allocated to evaluation. Dr. Florez highlighted a few things related to the CIPP Evaluation model in her oral report. This item will be re-visited at the retreat. **Leadership Strategy Update:** Provided in packets was a chart which included outreach, leadership development, coordination, and capacity building. Vice Chair Washington provided a brief oral update.

7. ORAL HEALTH: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE: Provided in Council packets was a summary that Director Gonzales and Kelley Murphy, Senior Health Policy Specialist worked on last August. Kelley provided a brief overview of where the Council is for Oral Health. Kelley advised that the Council is on the third go around for trying to get Oral Health funded. Some of the barriers identified were: Parents may not understand the importance of preventative oral health, availability of providers that accept AHCCCS, or have the time to provide low cost care to children and the cost of restorative oral health by AHCCCS has decreased and is going to decrease again. Kelley advised that First Things First has oral health strategies in place to include: parent education surrounding preventative oral health care. Councils are also doing provider education and reaching out to providers to determine what is preventing them from reaching out to children under the age of five. Councils also have fluoride varnishing strategies.

Member Balch: Was asked to participate in the second RFGA review for Oral Health. Riann advised that she was not aware of the history of how the Council came about the strategy. Riann expressed that the proposals were ok, but the big struggle at the end of the day was that the review committee did not feel that choosing either of the proposals would result in providing the comprehensive oral health needed in the South Phoenix Region. Riann then spoke with providers that serve low income children to determine what was wrong with the scope of work in the RFGA and in going back to staff at First Things First; she learned that there are boundaries set around direct service care. When the State Board looked at Health Strategies they did not want to spend a large sum of money on direct service care and require a certain certification to

provide services. There is an opportunity to provide comprehensive services but a pilot program may need to be developed and go before the State Board for their approval.

Dr. Ken Snyder: Provided a power-point presentation to the Council which included a preliminary overview of a possible oral health plan which utilizes dental students supervised by dentists and can reach so many children. Dr. Snyder advised the Council that last year alone, his clinic provided over three million dollars worth of free dental care to children. Dr. Snyder gave some interesting facts to include 31% of children in Arizona have not had a dental check-up and 60% of first graders have tooth decay and less than 30% of children covered by AHCCCS receive dental care.

Regional Director Gonzales informed the Council of the next steps for Oral Health: A request must go out to the original applicants to present to the Council a proposal for possible models for oral health if they wish to. Dr. Volcheck was initially supposed to present to the Council, and so happens sent Dr. Ken Snyder who works for one of the agencies that applied to the oral health RFGA . The Council could vote to rush an RFGA for the current Fiscal Year or vote to pursue the next release of the RFGA for the next Fiscal Year. Jonathon expressed that the challenge would be the two failed RFGAs and another year of unexpended dollars for Oral Health. Jonathon will check with leadership to see how this will need to be handled; if it will need to go back to the State Board for their approval to go back out for an RFGA.

The consensus of the Council was to move forward with the Oral Health Strategy and look into loan forgiveness and stipends for Oral Health. Jonathon will look at putting together a task force, and recommended that anyone with questions email him. Member Riann Balch indicated that she would like to remain helping with this strategy, and Vice Chair Washington also mentioned possible interest.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Member Riann Balch moved to adjourn the regular meeting, second by Vice Chair James Washington, all in favor, no discussion; meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

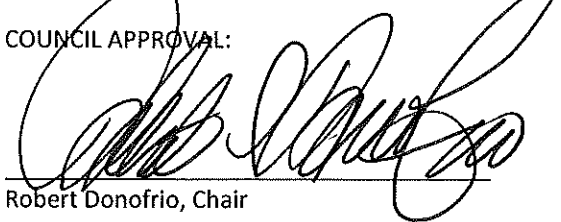


Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant



Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director

COUNCIL APPROVAL:



Robert Donofrio, Chair